REMARKS

Applicant and the undersigned respectfully request the entry of this Preliminary Amendment prior to the issuance of the first Office action.

Respectfully submitted,

Arthur G. Schaier, Reg. 37,715

Carmody & Torrance LLP

50 Leavenworth Street P.O. Box 1110

Waterbury, CT 06721-1110

(203) 575-2629